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SUBJ: PLO COMMUNIQUE ON PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON

1. THE PLO ON APRIL 25 BROKE ITS SILENCE ON THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE OF THIRTEEN'S APRIL 23 DECLARATION AND NOTED THAT THE PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON IS GOVERNED BY THE CAIRO AND RIYADH ACCORDS. ALTHOUGH REITERATING RESPECT FOR LEBANON'S INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE, THE PLO'S MESSAGE IS CLEAR: THE PALESTINIANS WILL FIGHT TO MAINTAIN THEIR ARMED PRESENCE HERE.

2. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 25, AS REPORTED BY Wafa's ENGLISH LANGUAGE BULLETIN.

3. BEGIN TEXT: "DURING AN URGENT MEETING THIS MORNING THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE COMMUNIQUE RELEASED BY THE LEBANESE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON THE RESOLUTIONS
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OF THE RIYADH AND CAIRO SUMMITS RELEVANT TO THE ACCORDS CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AND THE PLO. AFTER EXAMINING THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE FROM VARIOUS ASPECTS, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

4. "OUT OF ITS CONCERN FOR LEBANESE ACCORD TO WHICH IT ASPIRES IN REALITY AND IN PRACTICE BECAUSE OF ITS SUBSEQUENT

POSITIVE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE LEBANESE, PALESTINIAN AND ARAB LEVELS, THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGARDS THESE PARLIAMENTARY MEETINGS AS A HEALTHY SIGN OF THIS DIRECTION. "IT WISHES ITS BRETHREN, THE LEBANESE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, ALL THE BEST IN THEIR ENDEAVORS TO ACHIEVE LEBANON'S SECURITY, PROGRESS AND STABILITY.

5. "THE PLO BELIEVES IT NECESSARY TO AFFIRM THAT LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY IS BASED IN ONE OF ITS FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS ON LEBANON'S CONCERN TO REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE AGREEMENTS IT CONCLUDED, ESPECIALLY THOSE BINDING IT WITH ARAB STATES AND INSTITUTIONS, ABOVE ALL THE ARAB SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS.

6. "THE CAIRO AGREEMENT AND ITS SUPPLEMENTS WAS CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AND THE PLO AND WAS LATER CONFIRMED BY THE RIYADH AND CAIRO SUMMITS HELD IN 1976, WHICH ORGANIZED SOME OF ITS ASPECTS IN A WAY GUARANTEEING THE SAFETY OF THE LEBANESE-PALESTINIAN RELATIONSHIP. THE PLO STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF MUTUAL AND COMMON PRESERVATION OF THESE AGREEMENTS GOVERNING AND REGULARIZING LEBANESE-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS.

7. "THE PLO RE-AFFIRMS THAT THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION IS CONCERNED FOR LEBANON'S INTEGRITY, SECURITY, STABILITY, PRESERVATION AND INDEPENDENCE. IT ALSO STRESSES ITS CONCERN TO PROVIDE ALL THE FACILITIES WITHIN ITS POWER TO ENABLE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEBANESE AUTHORITIES TO EXERCISE THEIR FULL PREROGATIVES OVER ALL THE LEBANESE TERRITORIES IN A WAY WHICH GUARANTEES AN END TO THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF LEBANESE TERRITORIES. IT WILL ALSO FACILITATE THE TASK OF THE UNIFIL IN SUPERVISING THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL SO THAT IT IS ACHIEVED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME WITHOUT PROCRASTINATION OR DELAY ON THE PART OF THE ISRAELI AGGRESSOR, WHO VIOLATE LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORY, AND WHO PRACTICED VIOUS AND INHUMANE ACTS AGAINST LEBANESE AND PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS DURING THE RECENT BATTLES IN THE SOUTH.

8. "THE PALESTINIAN ARMED PRESENCE AND ACTION HAS (SIC) A PAN-ARAB CHARACTER AND ROLE IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT AND IS ABSOLUTELY NOT AN INTERNAL QUESTION CONCERNING THIS OR THAT STATE. AND AS LONG AS THE ZIONIST OCCUPATION OF ARAB AND PALESTINIAN LAND PERSISTS, NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE A DECISION ON THIS FATEFUL NATIONAL QUESTION. FROM THIS STAND-POINT, THE PLO AFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO SAFEGUARD AND PRESERVE THIS PRESENCE, STRESSING AT THE SAME TIME ITS CONCERN NOT TO INTERVENE IN LEBANESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ITS FULL COMMITMENT TO RESPECT LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY AND TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENTS AND THEIR PROVISIONS IN LETTER

AND IN SPIRIT.

9. "THE PLO SEES THAT ALL EFFORTS IN THIS CRITICAL PHASE SHOULD CONVERGE ON CONFRONTING THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION AND ON PREVENTING ITS USE AS A MEANS OF BLACKMAIL OR PRESSURE, THUS DIVERTING ATTENTION FROM THE MAJOR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ZIONIST ENEMY, ITS OCCUPATION AND ITS MENACE.

10. "THE PLO CALLS ON ALL LEBANESE, PALESTINIAN AND ARAB FORCES TO RALLY TOGETHER TO CONFRONT THE ZIONIST OCCUPATION, A TASK WHICH SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY OF ACTION AND STRUGGLE. AT THE SAME TIME IT STRESSES ITS COMPLETE READINESS TO CONFER WITH THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES, -- AFTER THE TERMINATION OF OCCUPATION -- REGARDING ANYTHING WHICH CAN FACILITATE THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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